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Joseph R. Barker, grandson-in-law, who married Miss Jane Vincent, daughter of Mrs. William A. Vincent.

Nicholas and Temple Ridgely are now living in Evans-ton. The only member of the Mrs. Ridgely's immediate family now living in Springfield is Ensign John A. Vincent, president of the Vincent Chemical Company, who lives at 1118½ South Grand avenue, west. Mr. Vincent came to Springfield to reside about a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Ridgely was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Monticello Alumnae association, in all of which organizations she took a very prominent part, as she did in many civic affairs.

She was a woman of culture and charm, and possessed of a very sweet disposition. Her home at 631 South Fourth street was a pleasant place, usually filled with flowers, where she delighted to receive her friends. Her passing will be deeply felt by many Springfield people.

Mrs. Ridgely was an honorary life member of the Illinois State Historical Society.

CALEB BARRETT LANING, 1839-1922.

Caleb Barrett Laning was born July 25, 1839, in Petersburg, Illinois, then a small settlement of fourteen families. He was the fourth child of Jacob and Hannah Silvers Laning, who settled in Petersburg shortly before his birth. The oldest child of this family, Sarah, became the wife of Rev. William F. Short, who for many years was a prominent Methodist clergyman in Central Illinois. The oldest son, Edward, was a prominent lawyer and business man in Petersburg through his long and eventful life. The only survivor of the family of Jacob and Hannah Laning is Mr. T. P. Laning of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Caleb Barrett Laning spent his boyhood and youth in Petersburg except for one year at Illinois College and one year at McKendree College. As he approached manhood his health became very delicate and as his older brother, John, had just died of tuberculosis he joined a party of emigrants in 1861 and made the overland journey to California

in quest of health. He remained in California four years. During this time he engaged in business and taught school at various times. He also read for the bar in Sacramento, California. Although he never practiced law, his solid legal studies at this time in no small way prepared him for his later success as a business man and banker.

Mr. Laning returned to Illinois via Panama in 1865, fully endowed with that health and vigor which sustained him through so many years of active and useful life. Friends of Mr. Laning will all recall his graphic reminiscences of the overland journey and his frontier life in California. It is a wonderful university of life and experience to broaden the vision and character of a young American, at a time when our national life in many ways was narrow and provincial.

After his return to Petersburg, Mr. Laning taught school for a time and then took up a business career. Sometime during the late 60's as a junior member of the firm of Brahm & Laning, he entered upon his mercantile career. This firm later became Brahm, Laning and Wright, upon the merger of the establishment of A. D. Wright and Company. After the retirement of Mr. Brahm the business took the name of Laning & Wright and continued as such until 1885, when Mr. Laning became president of the First National Bank of Petersburg. As director and president, Mr. Laning was identified with this institution from 1884 until 1918 and was its moving spirit during the period of its growth from small beginnings to a substantial position in the financial life of central Illinois.

Mr. Laning as a successful banker, had a prominent place in the business life of Menard county. But his influence went far beyond the bounds of commercial activity and many men and women of his own and younger generations were bound to him by close bonds of affection and gratitude. In a genuine sense he was the friend of the widow and the fatherless, always ready to aid them with active personal effort as well as with wise and disinterested advice. No burden of business care could dull the impulses of his warm and sympathetic heart. This gave to his strong sense of honor a gentle and characteristic touch that was peculiar to him alone.

In politics Mr. Laning was a lifelong democrat. He was an active worker in the interest of his party and for many years was chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee of his district. His strong and vigorous intellect was keenly interested in public affairs and his outlook was never narrowed by absorption in business and local politics. He was also an active member of the Masonic craft. He was long a member of Clinton Lodge Number 19 of Petersburg. He was a Past Master of this lodge and a Knight Templar.

Mr. Laning was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church and for many years was Senior Warden of Trinity church in Petersburg, Illinois. He was a devoted churchman, but his religious sympathies were broad and truly catholic and with great simplicity and unostentatiously he carried his christianity with him beyond the walls of his church and into all of the activities of his life. To his neighbors and associates his integrity and purity of life were taken as a matter of course. But he was a man among men and was quite free from any cant or intolerance that narrowed his genuine sympathy for men and women just as he found them and lived with them.

Few men more perfectly than Mr. Laning found their highest joy and usefulness in the home and the family. He was married in 1869 to Mary Esther Harris, eldest daughter of the Honorable Thomas Langren Harris and Mary Dirickson Harris. Their three children survive him, Maude Laning Palmer, wife of Colonel John McA. Palmer, U. S. A.; Captain Harris Laning, United States Navy; and Levin D. Laning, late Captain U. S. Army, a business man of Kansas City, Missouri. In his wife, his children and his grandchildren, he found his greatest joy and they alone can know the most beautiful and intimate aspects of his character.

Caleb Barret Laning was a great man; not through the accident of high place or position; not through the achievement of selfish personal ambition; not through the cultivation of a few of his great gifts at the expense of a harmonious character and rounded manhood, but by the rarest of all titles to human greatness. For more than four score years he wove the fabric of a noble and beautiful life,

using all of the materials that came to his hands and in the land which the Lord his God had given him.

Mr. Laning died at Kansas City, August 17, 1922. Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal church, Petersburg, Ill., Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The business houses were closed from 10:30 a. m. till noon, as a mark of respect.

The remains, accompanied by the bereaved wife and children, arrived Sunday morning over the Alton railroad and were taken to the Petersburg home of the deceased at 308 West Jackson street. Monday morning, prior to the funeral hour, many friends called at the residence, where the body lay in state, the casket banked with a wealth of floral tributes.

At the church the Protestant Episcopal ritual was observed in the services which were conducted by Reverend John C. White of Springfield, formerly in charge of the church here. He paid a beautiful tribute to the life and character of the deceased. The commitment was made at Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were: Elias Watkins, F. E. Blane, Lester B. Ott, D. L. Bennett, E. C. Messett, E. E. Brass, Julius Katzenstein, John Bonties.

LEVY MAYER, 1858-1922.

Levy Mayer, noted Chicago lawyer and member of the Constitutional Convention, State of Illinois, 1922, was found dead in his suite at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Monday, August 14th, 1922. Mr. Mayer was born in Richmond, Va., in 1858. He came to Chicago as a young man. Although he had one year at Yale, most of his study of the law was carried on while he was assistant librarian at the Chicago Law Institute from 1876 to 1881. During this period he also revised two law books, which have taken an important place in the legal world. They are known as Mayer's edition of Roer on Private International Law, and Mayer's edition of Roer on Judicial sales.

He was married to Miss Rachel Meyer in 1884, and is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Clarence Law, also of New York; three brothers, Isaac